



City of Austin

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RE: Category II Temporary Helistop Application

Mr. Lawson,

The City of Austin's Department of Aviation (DOA) has reviewed your application for completeness and has also evaluated the noise impact on areas within 4,000 feet of the proposed helistop location that are considered environmentally and noise sensitive. Below are conditions that need to be met before an approval can be considered:

The proposed location is located adjacent to the Barton Creek Greenbelt which is an environmentally sensitive area. The DOA requires a letter from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stating that the proposed helicopter operations would not have an impact on the surrounding environmentally sensitive habitat.

Based on your application's proposed number of operations per day, approach and departure routes, and the type of helicopter(s) used during the event, the noise model created indicates there are potentially three office buildings located at 901 S. MoPac that are within the 70 dB L_{eq} noise contour. Barton Oak II and Barton Oaks III are within the 70 dB L_{eq} contour while Barton Oaks IV is just outside the contour. As such, the DOA is requiring a letter of no objection from each building manager/owner acknowledging the proposed helicopter operations from October 31, 2014 through November 2, 2014.

Noise sensitive areas outside the 65 dB noise contour but within the 4,000 feet radius have also been identified by the DOA. These areas include the Austin Nature and Science Center; Park Hills Baptist Church, which is impacted on Sunday morning, November 2, 2014; the Barton Hills Neighborhood Association; the Zilker Neighborhood Association; the City of Rollingwood; and the City of Westlake. The DOA is requiring a letter of no objection from the Austin Nature and Science Center and the Park Hills Baptist Church acknowledging the proposed helicopter operations from October 31, 2014 through November 2, 2014.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you,

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